

# **Minutes of the RHIC/AGS Users' Executive Committee Meeting**

**May 10, 2002**

**Present:** B. Bassalleck, R. Chrien, S. Kettell, J. Mitchell, M. Rosati, R. Seto (Chair)

**Guest Speakers:** S. Bradley (ITD), G. Gross (Office of Counterintelligence), W. Gurn, D. Peters (Foreign Visits & Assignments)

**Absent:** J. Engelage, M. Lisa, J. Thomas, P. Yamin

**Guests:** P. Bond, L. Caligiuri, D. Earley, C. Feliciano, M. Sadler, S. Sevia, S. White-DePace,

## **Update on AGS Funding**

Kettell provided an update on the high-energy physics budget. The Office of Science has secured \$400K in funding for the E949 program for FY 02. There is reason to be optimistic about increased funding for FY 03. Seto noted that the UEC working together with BNL management had a very positive affect.

## **Visitor Network**

Sevia introduced Scott Bradley who made a presentation on the BNL Visitor Network. The BNL Visitor Network is designed to offer plain vanilla Internet connectivity. This network is a dynamic host control protocol-only (DHCP-only) Internet Protocol (IP) network that is logically outside of the BNL perimeter firewall and outside the BNL.GOV domain. It is intended for use by transient users (i.e., visitors to the Lab) and is accessed only from public spaces around the campus. There are approximately 30 such network connections available in buildings across the Laboratory site. Thirteen of these are located in the Physics Building. The jacks with the visitor network on them are labeled with purple stickers. This network gives guests unrestricted Internet access without the security restrictions required to operate within the internal BNL domain. Further details are available on the ITD web page. If Departments wish to pay for additional visitor networks, they may do so by writing an ILR (Intra-Laboratory Request) at a cost of approximately \$2,000 per connection. ITD would eventually like to make BNL a wireless campus.

The wiring of the dormitories will start as soon as the supplies are in-house. It is anticipated that approximately 100 DSL routers will be installed in the apartments during the summer months. Due to a lack of funding the cottages are not included. .

## **Foreign Visits and Assignments**

Gross made a presentation on the anticipated changes to the DOE Order regarding Foreign Visits and Assignments.

- All government sites will be required to use a system called FACTS for entering data on foreign nationals. BNL is already using this system; many other DOE sites are not.
- More data will be required on the 473 forms submitted for foreign nationals. We know this information will be added to the information requested on Brookhaven's Guest Information System.
- The DOE Order will be required for all DOE facilities; none of them will be exempted from the Order.
- There will not be a requirement to complete host reports. This will have no impact on BNL, since host reports were never implemented.
- A close-out report will be required for each foreign national. BNL will have to provide actual dates that guests are on-site.
- Guests must have an approved 473 to gain access to BNL's site.
- Security Plans will be required for all sensitive country foreign nationals and all sensitive topics.

Discussions centered on casual visitors and meeting participants and what would be required of them. There also were concerns raised about conflicting information being provided to the scientific staff. It was decided that questions should be directed to David Peters or the Users' Center.

### **Check-in/Check-out Proposal**

BNL presently does not have a system to capture the dates that guests are on-site. If the DOE Order outlined above becomes a reality, BNL will need a system to capture this data. White-DePace showed the UEC a web page that could be used for this purpose. All guests would be required to log onto the web using their guest number and date of birth. The guest would enter their arrival date and anticipated departure date.

### **Charter Revisions**

- It was decided to change the name of the Users' Group to the RHIC/AGS Facilities Users' Group.
- The use of the word Chair throughout the Charter will be used instead of the traditional Chairman.
- There was discussion on the proposed statement "Consultants on special aspects of particular problems may be called to attend meetings of the UEC at the discretion of the Chair." Brant Johnson had recommended (via e-mail prior to the UEC meeting) that the UEC adopt a system similar to one used by the NSLS where Special Interest Groups representatives are voted to be members of the Executive Committee. It was decided that Consultants gave the UEC the flexibility it needed to address special interests if the need ever arose.

### **Student Program Update**

Mitchell and White-DePace have had discussions with Richard Osgood, Ralph Jones, and a user regarding ideas and suggestions on what would make a good student program. A request for information was sent to user facilities around the country. Six replies had been received at the time of the meeting. Mitchell and White-DePace are working on a survey for distribution to students to find out what the students would like to see. The Users' Center worked with

Patrice Pages (CEGPA) to come up with a flyer for the weekly Science Discussion Groups and are helping Pages disseminate the word on this program.

### **Annual Meeting**

An agenda is being developed and speakers are being sought. The on-line registration form is nearing completion. Angela Melocoton is working on an electronic voting system.

### **Thesis Award**

Seto is working on putting a review panel together. Five theses have been submitted to-date.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45.